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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 4 August 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory,
Houston, Kirkpatrick, Helms, Sheldon and [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted his intention of raising at today's OCB Meeting the problem of evacuation of U. S. Military equipment from [REDACTED]. The Director stated he was concerned over what U. S. agency might be saddled with this responsibility, and in particular whether CIA would be called upon for assistance.

b. Asked Mr. Sheldon to alert the Watch Committee respecting the information contained in a State Department Cable (#38) from Colombo.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Reported Senator Lehman plans to take a trip to Europe in the near future, however, he is not going for any particular purpose in connection with his Congressional activities. The Director said this being the case it would not be necessary to offer him a briefing.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick (Continued):

c. Reported he had reviewed the use of Consultants for the last quarter of Fiscal '54, and stated in some cases he had found that certain consultants are receiving fees amounting to 8, 10, 12, and in one case of a husband and wife team, \$16,000 per annum. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted his concern over this and the fact that we might be criticized by Congress for not placing these people on the payroll as full-time employees. General Cabell stated he too was concerned over the practice of using consultants for periods of 2 to 300 days a year, and felt where it was necessary to make use of these people so consistently they be employed on a WAE status. The Director said he was not too worried over this matter, provided we could justify in each instance that the consultants concerned are the best qualified and the only people available for specific projects. Therefore, each of these cases would necessarily have to be judged on its own merits. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that out of a total of some [redacted] He said that in all probability some of these people had been used on a WOC status and therefore the records he had would not show the number of times actually used. The Director remarked we should be careful not to sign up consultants whom we do not intend to use.

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Mr. Helms:

a. Stated [redacted] was interested in appealing to the U.N. for assistance in getting his wife out of Russia. The Director said he had no objection so long as CIA takes no responsibility in this matter.

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